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Mail Prep and Entry Steering Committee

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Manager Introduction

- Dane Coleman appointed Manager, Operations Integration & Support effective July 25, 2015
- 28 years with the Postal Service
- Previous Assignments:
 - Acting Plant Manager, Philadelphia NDC
 - Team Leader, World Class Package Platform
 - Manager, Network Distribution Center (NDC) Operations
 - Operations Specialist, Operations Integration & Support
 - Various mail processing operations assignments



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CSA Simplification

- Retire mailer-specific CSA
- Update DMM rules for First-Class palletization
 - Required for direct entry at USPS processing facility instead of BMEU
 - Change the separations to mirror CSA preparation
 - Standardize rules for national network optimization, reduce local processing prioritization
 - Current separations for origin entered FCM minimally used
- Update national CETs to align with new separations

Change the DMM separations to mirror real-world First-Class pallets (CSAs)

- Retain minimum of 72 linear feet (pallets) or 48 linear feet (APCs)

Current DMM

Minimal Usage Today

Required

- Origin SCF (no minimum)
- Mixed ADC Air (no minimum)
- SCF
- AADC/ADC
- Origin Mixed ADC Surface

Optional

- 5-digit

Proposed DMM

Standardized based on CSA

Tier I (All): 4 required separations with no min

1. Working (single piece)
2. Origin SCF
3. Mixed Surface
4. Mixed Air

Tier II: Based on volume and negotiated # of container separations

- Direct Surface (SCF/STC) [finer depth of sort for Mixed Surface (#3)]
- 5-digit [finer depth of sort for Origin SCF (#2)]

Tier III: Mailers with TMS/SWYB

- Air and Mixed Surface pallets based on TMS assignments not labeling list [finer depth of sort for Mixed Air (#4)]

- **Required separations with no minimum**
 - Working (determined from L005)
 - Mixed AADC/ADC Trays + Single Piece + Machinable (Non-Auto)
 - Origin SCF (determined from L005)
 - All mail destinating at the Origin facility where mail is entered
 - Mixed Surface
 - Automation presort mail going to known surface destinations
 - Mail that never flies as listed in L201
 - Mixed Air
 - Automation presort mail going to possible air destinations
 - Mail that may always fly or may sometimes fly as listed in L201
- **Mailers with TMS/SWYB**
 - Tray assignment to a Mixed Air versus Mixed Surface pallet based on TMS routing, not labeling list
 - Require carrier specific separation (Air pallet) at linear foot minimum

- **Optional separations**

- Mailer required to make as many separations as floor space will allow
 - Different than rules for Standard and Periodicals
 - Later CET available for Surface and 5-digit separations
- Surface
 - Create SCF Directs and/or Surface Transfer Center (STC) pallets
 - Destinating STC pairing will be pre-established
 - Pallets are created in descending order of volume from the mailer; SCF/STC with the most volume is created first
- 5-digit/5-digit scheme
 - 5-digit and 5-digit schemes for ZIP Codes serviced by Origin SCF
 - Pallets are created in descending order of volume from the mailer

- **Entry Facility**

- Default – Origin SCF
- Separations to be entered at a facility other than the Origin SCF will need to be included on a file similar to the Mail Direction File (used for Standard Mail)
 - Optimize direct entry to STC/AMF to meet transportation

Service Measurement Rules Today

- First-Class 2+ day mail CETs
 - Co-located BMEU CET = 1800
 - Detached BMEU CET = 1500
- All other mail classes follow the National CETs used for measurement
- CETs are dependent on the mailer palletizing their mail
- Without a pallet, they will not receive the later entry times for same-day start-the-clock
- ❖ **Recommend keeping this rule in place**

Current National CETs

Mailer and USPS Transported	First-Class Overnight	Any separation other than 5DS	0800
		5-Digit Scheme	1200
	First-Class 2+ Day	No Separation	1900
		Working	2000
		Presort	2100
		Presort Assigned	2200
		Hub – STC	2400
		Hub - THS	0200

Proposed National CETs

Mailer and USPS Transported	First-Class Overnight	Any separation other than 5DS	0800
		5-Digit Scheme	1200
	First-Class 2+ Day	Working, Mixed Surface, Mixed Air	2000
		Origin SCF	0800
		Surface: SCF/STC	2400
		Air/Mixed Air – TMS Assigned	0200

- Review rules with Areas for feedback
- Review rules with MSDG (mailing software vendor group)
- Develop updated CETs to reflect new separations
- Develop new/revised labeling lists
 - Destinating STC pre-established
 - Update header for L201 to include First Class Mail
 - Investigate value add of leaving mailer mode static by day of week
 - Investigate if MDF file can be used to define entry facility for a specific origin
 - Develop cadence to update labeling lists to mirror changes in transportation
 - Changing transportation methods from an origin for a destination ZIP from surface to air
- Work with Mailing Standards to draft new DMM requirements
- Update mailer CSAs to mirror new preparation rules
 - Remove separations that would not exist under new rules like sub-SCF splits
 - Minimize changes for operations and mailers when CSA are retired
- Develop system rules to check:
 - Optional separations are being created in the order of volume
 - Mailer is creating expected number of optional separations

SPSS Tour

- Visit USPS facility and see SPSS in action
 - West Valley P&DC, Phoenix AZ
 - Tuesday, August 25 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM MST
 - Sponsored by Operations Integration & Support

- Interested parties must notify Joe Eagle by August 18



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Membership Policy

- What are the rules for membership on the MP&E Steering Committee?
 - Is full MTAC membership required?
 - Can MTAC guests participate?
 - Is there a max/min number of participants allowed?
 - Is there a process to vet potential members?
 - Do we need to solicit new members?

Ideas Log

- High priority
 - 2 items
- Medium priority
 - 4 items
- Low priority
 - 4 items

Item / Suggestion	Current Resolution
#12: Clear authority and responsibility of management of CSA's are not clearly defined	Masters Degree Black Belt project (Nadya) continues to work this issue. Provide update on MTAC webinar industry call on 7/31/15 and at MTAC August meeting.
#95: DMM vs. CSA sortation & prep requirements as it relates to above items, as well as review and increase of internal USPS understanding of current DMM	Masters Degree Black Belt Project (Nadya) continues to work this issue. Provide update on MTAC webinar industry call on 7/31/15 and at MTAC August meeting.

Item / Suggestion	Current Resolution
#21: Eliminate 3-digit CR prep level for STD and Periodical letters	USPS will review
#23: Origin Entry Separation. Origin entry (local mail) separation requirements are not aligned across class / shape.	USPS will review
#74: Removal of Origin Sack Mail	USPS LSS project pending
#81: Ensure MDF facilitate all 5D containers to the deepest possible Dest Facility. With the exception of the FSS scheme pallets, redirects are limited to 3D movements. This constrains the mail direction process from ensuring all 5D pallets are directed to the DSCF.	Hubs have partially addressed this issue. Work Group 159 worked & addressed this issue and Work Group 159 has ended. Recommend Closing.

Item / Suggestion	Current Resolution
#84: Re-evaluate non-machineable barcoded rates (PER & BPM over 20oz)	Sent to Pricing for review
#85: USPS enhance DPS bundle prep operation (currently SAMP) to be capable of processing facility pallets (today limited to scheme pallet)	MTAC workgroup 168 working this issue related to multi-scheme pallets
#91: Explore pricing methods to strengthen or create uniform signals for FSS prep across each class	Changes made with 2015 Price Changes. Continue to monitor.
#104: Explore new presort options for parcels, including 3-digit at DSCF and PSM schemes at DNDC	Discounts are provided today for machineables - 5 digit and NDC separations. Industry feels SCF separation is needed in order to generate growth in a competitive market



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Open Discussion

Closing

- Next webinar
 - WebEx
 - Thursday, September 17 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT
- Wrap-up